

Government to expand the fair price shops in the country and to sell through them some more commodities of essential nature with a view to checking the trend of rise in prices ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken so far in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). The question of fair price shops for essential commodities is the responsibility of State Governments.

Tractor Factory in U. P.

3208. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a final decision has since been taken to set up a Tractor factory in Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the location thereof ; and

(c) whether this will be in the public sector ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). Earlier when it was intended to set up a plant in the Public Sector for the manufacture of Zetor-2011 tractors with Czechoslovakian collaboration as an entirely new project, a site near Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh had been selected for it. Subsequently, the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd, submitted a proposal for the manufacture of this tractor in their Pinjore unit (Haryana State) where a lot of spare engineering capacity is available, as this would involve considerably less investment than for an entirely new project. They also proposed to utilise the spare capacity available at the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation, Durgapur for the manufacture of some of the components of the tractor. This proposal is presently under consideration.

पश्चिम बंगाल तथा बिहार में चलती गाड़ियों में अपराधों

3209. श्री हुकूम खन् खन् कद्दाय : क्या

रेलवे मंत्री पश्चिम बंगाल तथा बिहार में चलती गाड़ियों में अपराधों के बारे में 2 दिसम्बर, 1969 के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या 2273 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अपेक्षित जानकारी इस बीच प्राप्त कर ली गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो वह कब तक प्राप्त कर ली जायेगी और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री नन्दा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता ।

(ग) बहुत जल्दी ।

British Investment in India

3210 SHRI S. S. KOTHARI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Sir Norman Kipping, Senior Adviser to the Confederation of British Industry, said that there was much in Indian policies that might prove a brake to the British investment in India ;

(b) if so, whether Government sought clarification from his as to the matters to which he referred ; and

(c) the steps that Government are taking to improve the investment climate in India ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). Sir Norman Kipping, Senior Adviser to the Confederation of British industries was one of the representatives from the British side, who attended the meeting of the Indo-U. K. Technological Group which took place from 8th to 11th February, 1970. At this meeting, full and frank discussions took place on various aspects of foreign investment and collaboration in this country, and the discussions clarified a number of problems and issues